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SY CHANNEL

DEPT FOR A/SY/DASS, A/SY/OPS/FO; ROME FOR RSO; NAIROBI FOR RSS

E.O. 11652: GDS
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(C) BEIRUT 3084 (NOTAL)

1. THE RECENT VIOLENCE IN NORTH LEBANON IS ALMOST CERTAIN
TO DESTABILIZE THE SITUATION. HOWEVER, RSO DOES NOT BELIEVE
IT WILL POSE AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO AMBASSADOR PARKER. RSO
BELIEVES HE CAN RETURN TO BEIRUT AS SCHEDULED.

2. RSO BELIEVES ALSO THAT SOME FORM OF RETRIBUTION BY THE
FRANGIEH CLAN AGAINST THE PHALANGE AND/OR CHAMOUN IS A
CERTAINTY. THE EFFECT THIS WILL HAVE ON THE SECURITY OF OUR
PEOPLE DEPENDS UPON WHERE IT OCCURS, I.E. NORTH LEBANON OR
EAST BEIRUT, AND ON THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE SYRIAN ARMY
(ADF). IF THE VIOLENCE IS CONFINED TO NORTH LEBANON, THE
THREAT WILL BE LESS THAN IF IT OCCURS OR SPILLS OVER
INTO EAST BEIRUT.

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3. THE EXTENT OF THE THREAT AGAINST THE AMBASSADOR AND
THE REST OF OUR STAFF WILL DEPEND UPON THE ACTIONS OF THE
SYRIAN ARMY. ALTHOUGH MOST POST OFFICERS BELIEVE THAT
THE SYRIANS WILL AID OR ABET FRANGIEH IN HIS REVENGE
AGAINST THE PHALANGE, THE ADF WILL MOST CERTAINLY TRY TO

CONTAIN THE VIOLENCE. THE ONLY SPECIFIC RESULT THAT RSO

CAN FORESEE IF THERE IS VIOLENCE IN EAST BEIRUT IS THE
TEMPORARY ABANDONMENT OF THE YARZE RESIDENCE. POST IS
PREPARED FOR THIS EVENTUALITY AND THIS DECISION WILL BE
MADE AS THE SITUATION DEMANDS.

4. AT THIS POINT RSO HAS NO SPECIFIC THREAT INFORMATION
AGAINST THE COM.
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